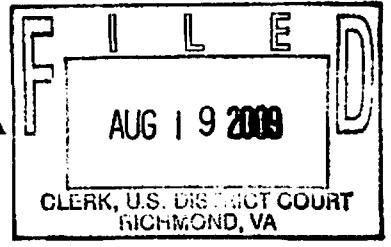


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division



**CYNTHIA MCNAMEE,**

Petitioner,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:09CV168

**BARBARA J. WHEELER,**

Respondent.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Petitioner, a Virginia prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, submitted this petition for a writ of habeas corpus on the form used in the Supreme Court of Virginia. Respondent has filed a motion to dismiss arguing that the petition, which contains both exhausted and unexhausted claims, should be dismissed without prejudice. *See Rose v. Lundy*, 455 U.S. 509 (1982). On August 3, 2009, the Court received Petitioner's request for dismissal without prejudice. Petitioner explains that she inadvertently filed the petition in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia rather than in the Circuit Court of Loudoun County. Respondent not being prejudiced thereby, *see Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2)*, this action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to refiling after Petitioner's claims are exhausted. Respondent's motion to dismiss (Docket No. 7) will be DENIED AS MOOT.

It is so ORDERED.

/s/  
Richard L. Williams  
United States District Judge

Date: AUG 19 2009  
Richmond, Virginia